

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1094

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ben Armstrong on his selection as 2010 Surgoinsville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ben Armstrong is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong was recently selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year for Surgoinsville Elementary by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Ben Armstrong was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, with a minor in education, and a Master of Education degree in special education from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he attended Milligan College from 2004 to 2006 to earn additional certification in the area of K-6 endorsement; and

WHEREAS, Ben Armstrong began his estimable career in the Hawkins County School System as a special education teacher at Hawkins Elementary School in 1999; and

WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2006, Mr. Armstrong taught special education at Carter's Valley Elementary School and has focused his singular skills and expertise on teaching special education at Surgoinsville Elementary School since 2006; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, Ben Armstrong is a member of many esteemed educational organizations, including the National Education Association (NEA), the Tennessee Education Association (TEA), and the Hawkins County Education Association (HCEA); and

WHEREAS, he successfully completed the Tennessee Mentoring Program training, ensuring his eligibility to serve as a mentor for new teachers, and has adroitly served as the chairman of several school-wide committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong has immersed himself in service to his students and others not only through classroom instruction, but also through his work as a coach for Special Olympics and through his participation in various church-affiliated youth programs; and

WHEREAS, Ben Armstrong has earned the respect and admiration of his community through his meritorious service and his dedication to his students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, Mr. Armstrong is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ben Armstrong epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and congratulate Ben Armstrong on his selection as the 2010 Teacher of the Year at Surgoinsville Elementary, commend his exceptional service to the

children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.